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Bloomfield and Montclair, N. J.

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The Saturday Gazette.

BLOOMFIELD AND MONTCLAIR.

An independent weekly journal of LIT
ERATURE, EDUCATION, POLITICS, GENERAL
NEWS AND LOCAL INTERESTS.

All public and local questions, including
political and social, sanitary and reforma-
tory, educational and industrial topics will
be clearly presented and fully and fairly dis-
cussed.

It is intended and expected to make it
not only readable and interesting to the
general reader, but of special value to citi-
zens of the county and of real importance to
every resident of Bloomfield, Montclair
and Caldwell.

Nothing will be admitted to its columns
that is unworthy of cordial welcome to
every family circle.

Settled Clergymen in the county and all
Public School Teachers in the county will
receive the paper gratuitously by sending
their address.

It should prove a valuable medium for
advertisers. Our weekly circulation is 1250
copies, extending to every part of Essex
county. Subscriptions and advertisements
will be received in Montclair, by E. Mad-
ison, in Caldwell, by M. Harrison; in Ver-
ona, by W. L. Scott; in Newark, by W. H.
Winn, 445 Broad street, and at our office
in Bloomfield, or by mail to Wm. F. Lyon,
Editor and Proprietor, Bloomfield, N. J.

TO SUBSCRIBERS
Subscribers who have not paid their
subscriptions for the present year will con-
fer a favor by enclosing the same to Wm.
F. Lyon, Bloomfield. The \$2.00 subscrip-
tions received for the second volume ex-
pired on the 14th of Feb. Their renewal
requires \$1.75 to be paid, which will run to
the end of the present volume in De-
cember next.

Any subscriber is entitled to have an ex-
tra copy sent to any address, by the pay-
ment of \$1.00. We hope many will avail
themselves of this offer. Our CALDWELL
readers will be gratified with the increased
interest for their village which our col-
umns indicate. We hope to receive a
large accession to our subscription list
there and also in VERONA. The Post-
masters have consented to take the names
and money and forward them to us. We
hope our friends everywhere will rally to
our support and encouragement by prompt
responses.

THE WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE
MOVEMENT.
The temperance crusade extends in al-
most every direction and is we hope and
rather believe gaining real strength. It is
a cause that elicits our ardent wishes
and most fervent prayers. From the begin-
ning we saw in this movement more en-
couragement for the overthrow of the gi-
gantic and wide spread vice of intem-
perance than in any and all other measures
that have ever been attempted.

You are on the right track, ye noble
self-sacrificing women. It is right in di-
rection, right in principle, right in aim
and in its terminus. It is right for you; it
is your track, don't be switched off. It may
be a long and laborious track and some-
times an uphill one; but you have the right
of way; you have the power too. PRAYER
is omnipotent. LOVE is all-conquering. Per-
suasion is better than force. Importunate
pleas from warm hearts cannot long be re-
sisted. Combination of women in such a
holy mission, if persevered in, will cer-
tainly be effective and fruitful, calling down
upon your heads the blessings of every
home in the land. Your victory will verify
the transcendent power of love. "LOVE
is the power which omnipotence reserved
to conquer rebel man, when all the rest had
failed. Reason he parries, fear he answers
blow to blow, future interest he meets with
present pleasure; but LOVE that sun against
those melting beams the Winter cannot
stand, that soft subduing slumber which
wrestles down the giant, there is not one
human creature in a million, not a thousand
men in all earth's huge quaitillion whose
clay heart is hardened against LOVE."

ANOTHER GREAT MAN FALLEN.

HON. CHARLES SUMNER, a distinguished
United States Senator died in Washington
on the afternoon 11th. inst. aged 63 years.
He undoubtedly ranks as one of the fore-
most scholars and statesmen of our Country.
Born in Andover, Mass., he was educated
at Harvard University, where he was gradu-
ated, and then at the law, where he was
admitted to the bar. He was a devoted
student, a devoted scholar, a devoted
genius, an indefatigable industry, and
intellectual discipline that made every
faculty of his capacious mind subsidiary
and obedient to the single present purpose
of his will. An eloquent speaker, a severe
logician, an original and comprehensive
thinker he captivated and convinced the
most astute minds by his exhaustive argu-
ments whenever he undertook to champion
a special subject. He was truly and fear-
lessly independent. High minded and no-
ble he would not descend to meanness. Of
late years he became so strong in his con-
victions and thought himself so well forti-
fied in his positions that he became rather
dogmatic and could hardly brook deter-
mined opposition. Charles Sumner did
credit to the State he represented, by the
Nation he served and to humanity he tel-
lowshipped.

Massachusetts has always been well rep-
resented at the National Capital. She

usually sends her strongest men, especially to
the U. S. Senate and keeps them there
greatly to her credit and advantage. Who
is now to receive the mantle of departed
greatness?

HOME MATTERS.

BLOOMFIELD.

WEATHER CHRONICLE.
Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre.
March 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
26° 32° 32° 27° 20° 28° 22°
Average.
31° 33° 34° 30° 26° 28° 25°

TOWN ELECTION.

The Annual Spring Election for Town
officers took place in Bloomfield last Mon-
day. Some unusual features marked it.
Individual dissatisfaction, here and there,
with the one non-partisan ticket which had
been nominated at the Republican
Primary Meeting, a few evenings previous,
caused the appearance on election day of
nine different tickets each made up with
an expectation of remedying defects and
causes of dissatisfaction which the Primary
meeting had lacked wisdom to foresee.
The consequence was an amount of ex-
citement and a corresponding rare witness-
ed in this staid old town. No disorder
ensued, and we are not aware that any
drunkenness was seen. But it was under-
stood that an election purse was furnished,
at least in one quarter, from which drum-
mers in the interest of the ticket, which
was afterwards declared successful, were
liberally paid. In some instances, as we
have been specifically informed, the integ-
rity of gentlemen who had been hitherto
above suspicion was compromised, or at
least held in abeyance, while they adul-
terated in deception which secured the deposit
of a ballot not wished or intended by the
voter.

The total number of votes cast was 647.
The following ticket being declared elect-
ed on the vote cast opposite the respective
names.

Judge of Election—John Hall 643 votes
Assessor—Joseph K. Oakes 641 "
Collector—Ira Campbell 645 "
Clerk—John F. Folsom 637 "
Freeholders—Thos W Langstroth 640 ;
William Gidmus, 644.
Surveyors of Highways—Nath. H. Dodd
641 ; Joseph K. Oakes, 640.
Commissioners of Appeals—Reuben N.
Dodd, 641 ; Lewis Cockeffer, 646 ; Jas. C.
Baker, 629.
Overseer of Poor—Jas. M. Walker, 208.
Township Committee—Cor. Van Houten
637 ; J. Banks Reford, 608 ; Jas C. Beach,
601 ; John Sherman, 544 ; Samuel J. Pot-
ter, 530 ; Thomas Oakes, 381 ; Willard
Richards, 320.
Constables—Abraham Garrahrant, 572 ;
Moses Davis, 632 ; George W. Perry
608 ; Philip Weaver, 554.

Appropriations were voted for
Repair of Roads \$5,000
Support of Poor 2,000
Contingencies 4,000
Cross Walks 500
Public Grounds 500

The canvassing of the votes was not com-
pleted till between one and two o'clock
the next morning, and it is proper to say
that it results, when announced as above,
took the town generally by surprise. A
bolt from the regularly nominated ticket
has never before succeeded in Bloomfield.
In this case the bolt was only from the
nominations for Town Committee and
Overseer of Poor. The rest of the ticket
elected was regular. The ticket as it was
voted at the primary meeting was non-
partisan and, on the whole, pretty well
constituted, but the elected ticket, as re-
ported above, is confessedly partisan and
does not include our best men here of the
Republican party, though there are some ex-
cellent names on the list.

The legitimacy of the canvass of the ballots
has been questioned on very decided points
and at the time of this writing there seems
a strong probability that a new election will
be ordered. If that should be thus judicially
decided we shall of course feel it necessary
to have something to say in regard to the
candidates and may deem it best to pub-
lish an extra Gazette to Bloomfield.

ENTERTAINMENT.—As our Bloomfield
readers usually get their Gazette on Friday
afternoons, we may remind them of the
fine entertainment which is to be furnished
on FRIDAY EVENING (13th.) at the Presby-
terian Church, at 7:30 p. m. Over one hun-
dred reliable and elegant views of interest-
ing places and scenery in the far West are
to be exhibited and explained by Mr. Bea-
man, the heartiest who accompanied Major
Powell's exploring expedition. Its pro-
ceeds are for the benefit of the Sunday
School.

The Treasurer's report of the Ladies' Re-
lief Society of Bloomfield for the week
ending March 10th 1874:
Received Cash \$1 00
Disbursements 63 14
Miss A. L. Ward, Treas.

A meeting of the officers and managers of
the Ladies' Relief Committee of Bloom-
field will be held at the residence of Mrs.
S. C. Gable on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 3
o'clock P. M. Mrs. R. N. Dodd, Sec'y.

MR. WM. H. HARRIS, a well known
and esteemed citizen of Bloomfield and an
upright business man, has withdrawn from
the firm of Harrises & Hays, and gone to
Augusta, Ga., to establish his business, tak-
ing his family with him. We wish him a
happy and successful career in his new
Southern home.

HORSE CAR RAILROAD.—The Newark
and Bloomfield Horse Car Rail Road Com-
pany have obtained the consent of our Town
Committee to take up their present track
on the New Road and Franklin street with
the intention of laying it, with consent of
the Essex Road Board, on Bloomfield Av-

enue. This change is, we think, generally
regarded with favor as it will shorten the
route, quicken the time of transit and
doubtless increase the travel on the road.
Now we take the liberty of suggesting that
the company be also required to take up
their track in Central Avenue (Broad street)
along the margin of our Village Park. It
has ever been a nuisance there, and has de-
tracted greatly from the picturesque ap-
pearance and beauty of that attractive fea-
ture of this town.

"IF THE LIGHT THAT IS IN THREE BE
DARKNESS."—These words had a peculiar
significance before the gas light had been in-
troduced into two of our churches—the
Presbyterian and the Westminster. The
contrast between the bright, cheerful illu-
mination of the present and the sombre
shadows of the kerosene light of the past,
reminds us of the conclusion of our scriptu-
ral question—"how great is that darkness."
We realize it now and hope the other
churches will follow suit, and obey the
Heavenly command "LET YOUR LIGHT
SHINE."

The Ladies' Sewing Society of the First
Presbyterian Church has been working
during the winter, with reference to an en-
tertainment to be held about the twenty-
fifth of March, in the Parsonage. Some
features of this entertainment will be new
and of unusual interest.

We purposely omit a detailed account of
the primary meeting of last Friday, as the
election of Monday may be regarded as its
sequel, and we have reported that in an-
other column.

We take occasion to say, however, that
there were some important principles in-
volved in the decision of the Chair on that
occasion and in other proceedings of that
meeting which will be entitled to proper
discussion in the Gazette before long.

MONTCLAIR.

Mr. Halsey introduced a bill in the Leg-
islature to authorize the election of a new
board of trustees for school district no. 8
Montclair, Essex Co., the present board to
leave office on Sep. 1st. It next authorizes
the election of six new trustees to take the
places of the present board, to serve for
three years, with the usual powers of dis-
bursing money and appointing officers.

The "Repealer" of the Local Option was
to come up in the House on Tuesday, but
the bill had strangely disappeared so that
no action was taken upon it.

Mr. C. W. Mills proposes laying a gravel
road from Bloomfield Ave. to the limit
of the line, at his own expense. Good
for neighbor Mills. An example for other
liberal philanthropists.

See notice of Church dedication to-mor-
row, in our correspondence from Verona.

The promised articles in illustration of
Bloomfield and Montclair are crowded out
this week.

For the Saturday Gazette.

KINDERGARTEN.

It may not be generally known that an
effort has been made to establish Kinder-
garten culture in our village for the early
training of our children; or, if it is known,
the nature and direct practical
bearings of this system of culture, may not
be fully understood.

The philosophy and method of the Kin-
dergarten constitute a new department in
education. But as the object of this no-
tion is simply to refer to what has been
done at Montclair, we can only direct the
attention of any who may wish to ex-
amine the system to the Kindergarten
Manuals and Literature, (published by E.
Steiger & Co., 22 Frankfort street, N. Y.,
and to the Kindergarten Messenger, (pub-
lished by Miss E. P. Peabody, 19 Folsom
street, Cambridge, Mass.)

A Kindergarten school has been in op-
eration in Montclair for more than a year.
It was organized and is conducted under
the management of a society of ladies the
mothers of the children chiefly, who have
united to introduce and work out the
Kindergarten method as time and means
will permit.

The Association proceeds as strictly as
possible, upon the method of applying the
principles of this system step by step to
the practical wants of the children, as
their unfolding powers may warrant. The
Kindergarten receives the child during the
period between three and a half and seven
years of age, a time of great importance
in the formation of character, but also a
time when household cares and other
family duties often render it difficult for
the mother to provide sufficient interesting
and harmless occupation for the incessant
activity of the child.

The processes of the Kindergarten are
wonderfully adapted to awaken, exercise
and direct the physical and mental powers
of the child.

So far, although the Association has had
many practical difficulties to overcome,
the work has steadily gone forward; and
now, having gained improved conditions,
in a Hall with a garden attached, admir-
ably suited to their purpose, the ladies in-
vite the co-operation of parents generally,
in order more fully to carry out their plans
in extending the advantages of the school
to a wider circle.

The school year consists of 40 weeks,
divided into four terms of 10 weeks each.
The present term began with the first week
in March, but pupils are received at any
time, paying from the date of their en-
trance. The terms are \$12 per quarter,
this includes the cost of material needed
for the occupations of the children.

Visitors to the School are received every
Friday morning, from 7 o'clock till 12, at
Pillsbury Hall, Fullerton Avenue, or en-
quiries may be addressed to Mrs. Macdonald
or Mrs. Dr. Geo. E. Hawes, Montclair.

VERONA.

For the Saturday Gazette.

VERONA—THE PEARL OF THE VALLEY.

If this beautiful little town is not "the
gem of the hills," it turns its smiling face
up to the untiring gaze of the moun-
tain side as they look enviously upon its
serene, happy and complacent counte-
nance. True it has long lain dormant in its
primitive simplicity. The oldest inhabi-
tants had no record of any material
changes till lately, when some notable im-
provements have been inaugurated. Beau-
tiful Avenues have been laid out, and fine
buildings have been erected. When the
plans that are now being formed a devel-
oped, Verona will arise from her sleepy
posture and acknowledge that the fault of
her drowsiness has been a coquetish indif-
ference to the significant beauties which
nature has endowed her with.

She will then realize the enviable desti-
ny that will be in store for her. Her
prosperity will be so great that she doubt-
less will become famous. Her hill sides
will yet be radiant with the beautiful Vil-
las that will attract the observer in every
direction.

Already the tide of improvements that
has been gradually for a few years past
has excited her rivals to vigilance and
stimulated their jealousy of her superior
merits. Situated as she is between two
mountains the enchanting scenery, up and
down the valley, as far as the eye can
reach, is not surpassed anywhere for pic-
turesque and romantic views. A position
taken on either mountain ridge with field
glass in hand will convince any one that
there are innumerable villa sights of the
most attractive descriptions already made
available for immediate occupation.

We have no low swampy lands around
or near Verona and consequently have
nothing to excite or stimulate malarial fe-
vers. There is at all times a rapid stream
passing down the valley from its origin in
the living springs on the hill sides, and
forming a small but attractive lake in
its course where boating and picnicking
in summer and skating in winter exhibit
a center of life and beauty. The peculiar-
ities of this topography are such as to in-
sure a healthy current of air through the
valley especially favorable to any who are
predisposed to pulmonary affections.

The Bloomfield Ave., which is now being
paved with Telford will soon give us a
most elegant drive of seven or eight miles
through Montclair and Bloomfield to New-
ark, or of only ten minutes ride to the Rail
Road Station at Montclair whence the
transit to New York can be accomplished
in less than one hour.

There is but one kind of Society here
and that is good society, as we have not as
yet been much contaminated with the evil
influences of the outside world.
We are free from "glimpses" and "man-
traps" of any description. Indeed we feel
we may congratulate ourselves that there
is not much need of being here continually
braced up against the few evils and bad
moralities of THE PEARL OF THE VALLEY.

If any reader is skeptical as to the reli-
ability of my statements, I must earnestly
invite them to come and see for themselves
on some fine day.
THE NEW CHURCH.—The new and hand-
some church at Verona, will be dedicated
on Sunday, March 15th. Bishop Jones
will preach at ten o'clock a. m.; Rev. Dr.
Kider at three o'clock p. m., and at seven
o'clock p. m. The formal dedication will
be at three o'clock p. m.

The Church is regarded by many as a
model of beauty; and is well worthy the
attention of all who feel an interest in the
erection of churches. The front is built
octagonal, and neatly ornamented, and has
a beautiful tower on each side, one
large and the other small, and both are
surmounted with a handsome spical in
the shape of a cross.

The doors and windows are plain but of
a neat pattern. The whole of the interior
is surmounted with a dome ceiling and
finished with panel-work of different kinds
and supported with large ornamented
brackets.

The Architect and builder is Mr. H.
Cook, of Verona. The ornamental paint-
ing by Mr. Geo. H. Smith of Montclair.

The seats are handsomely cushioned and
a large furnace heats the building.
The dedication will be a day of rejoicing
in Verona. Arrangements are made for
the entertainment of all who may come
from a distance.

We invite our friends to meet and wor-
ship with us.

A word of encouragement to you Mr.
Editor. As far as I have heard or can
learn, all the old subscribers here will re-
new their subscriptions, and a number of
new subscribers will be taken. I think
there will be few families in Verona but
that will have the GAZETTE.
Verona, Essex Co., N. J.

CALDWELL—THE GEM OF THE HILLS.

The mild weather and the late storm
have made traveling hereabout anything
but an agreeable pastime. "Tramp,
tramp, tramp," in its practical develop-
ment, don't convey melody to the heart or
consolation to the soul. "There is no poe-
try in this kind of 'getting up and get-
ting.' Field maneuvering and Hardee's
Tactics are therefore suspended. The "or-
der" has been issued to "halt," and, al-
though, now and then, we see some unfor-
tunate ones (threading an uncertain passage
the Lord only knows where) still "tramp
and file" of Gen. Caldwell's troops
have suspended active operations, and yet
our stages make their ordinary trips, and
our P. O. receives its regularly appointed
mail. "Now, wretched traveling," at this
season of the year is to be expected, but
sun and frost are not the only agencies

which have contributed to the present con-
dition of our roads. In grading Bloom-
field Ave. for the Telford pavement, thou-
sands of loads of dirt have been used to
fill up depressions and herein is our great-
est trouble. But a mere hopeful prospect
is in the immediate future and we will
possess our souls in patience.

The "Young Ladies' Social Union" of
Caldwell, held their last stated meeting on
Friday evening, 6th. inst. at the residence
of Mrs. Backus. Notwithstanding the
storm, which prevailed at the time, the
membership were well represented and the
proceedings were of a highly entertaining
character. The proposed programme for
the next meeting of the "Union," promises
a "jolly" good time for the company—a
faithful report of which will be given by
your correspondent.

Among the late very credible improve-
ments in this village is the residence of
Mrs. C. Backus, on Bloomfield Ave. This
house is a model of architectural beauty,
and is admirably arranged for convenience
and comfort. Mrs. B.—is now engaged in
building a very pretty carriage house on
the rear of her lot; and intends to orna-
ment the grounds, which I am sure will be
done in good taste, as soon as the weather
will permit.

The house adjoining Mrs. Backus's be-
longing to Lewis G. Lockwood Esq. pos-
sesses no less attractiveness and beauty. Peter
Condit, the very trustworthy builder of
Bloomfield had the contract, but who un-
fortunately has been obliged to relinquish
it on account of heavy losses through de-
linquencies of others. This however is a
small matter to a gentleman of Mr. Lock-
wood's means, and I presume his early com-
pletion will be assured. Mr. L.—has
built this house for his own occupation and
intends to move in this Spring.

Mr. Frank Peety is progressing finally
with his new residence. This is also locat-
ed on Bloomfield Ave., and promises to be
an additional ornament to our village.

M. S. Caldwell Esq. is also engaged in
the erection of an attractive residence for
his own occupation.

The pulpit of the Baptist Church, in this
village, is regularly supplied by Mr. Wil-
lard E. Howell, a practical house carpenter
of Orange. Under the ministrations of
this gentleman the congregation is on the
increase and the church is gaining in mem-
bership. Although I have not heard this
gentleman preach I am told that his pul-
pit efforts are able and interesting. The
most eloquent and able sermon, I have lis-
tened to from the pulpit, was by a mecha-
nic, who preached his vocation six days in
the week and preached to a very large con-
gregation on Sunday. This is certainly a re-
turn to primitive times. Our neighbors
of the Baptist church have most excellent
precedent for Christ was a carpenter by
trade.

The friends of Methodism hereabouts
will be glad to learn that the M. E. church
of Verona, Rev. E. V. King pastor, is to be
formally dedicated on Sunday next, at
three o'clock p. m. There will be service
there also at seven o'clock.

Mr. Baldwin offered a petition in the
Legislature, of the Board of Education of
Caldwell objecting to the passage of the
bill to make the new township of Fairfield,
on the ground that it would be non-bene-
ficial to the school interests of Caldwell.

Also relative to wards in Caldwell town-
ship, which gives to the village of Caldwell
the right to lay out and improve its own
roads at its own cost.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.—Will our esteemed
subscribers who have overlooked the little
bill for their GAZETTE, allow us to remind
them that though \$3 may seem a small
sum, fifty or a hundred of them, in our
hands, would make a very convenient
amount in settling our paper and printer's
bills, both of which are weekly cash ac-
counts.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.—Another way in
which our appreciating subscribers can
render us an important benefit, is by recom-
mending the GAZETTE to others and for-
warding to us the names of any who wish
to subscribe. We have made some good
resolutions for this year and only need the
countenance and support of our numerous
readers to make the verification of our
purpose manifest to their satisfaction in our
columns.

NEWARK "CENTRAL DRY GOODS STORE."
—Marvin Dodd & Co. will to-day remove
to their new and central location, 699
Broad street, opposite the Park, where
they have enlarged and fitted up in good
taste and all convenience one of the most
commodious retail dry goods stores in the
city, now 125 feet deep. The long experi-
ence of this well-known firm will secure a
large and varied stock of fresh and stylish
goods; and the candor and ability with
which customers are treated will be re-
warded by an increase of trade, already
very large. The popularity of these gen-
tlemen is well indicated by the throngs of
first-class customers to be seen in their
store at almost every hour of the day. Our
readers will notice their advertisement in
our columns.

Snow.—Last Monday reports from San
Francisco represented that the freight
trains were all blocked by snow on the
Union Pacific Rail Road. In Summit Val-
ley it was stated to be 25 feet deep on level
at Cincin six feet of snow fell during the
present storm! The heaviest snow of the
winter fell on Sunday and Monday last.

The same day snow fell in the Southern
part of England to the depth of three in-
ches.

A special despatch to N. Y. Times states
March 9.—The steep, 200 feet high, of
the Methodist Church at Danville, Va., was
blown down by a heavy wind to day. The
loss is estimated at over \$5,000. The roof of
the church being also crushed in. This is
said to have been the highest steeple in
the State.

A Reformed Episcopal Church was orga-
nized in Brooklyn, March 1st, with the
Rev. Mr. Reid as pastor. It starts with
good prospects.

The Third National Prison Reform Con-
gress will meet in St. Louis, May 13th.
It is intelligently seeking an object of the
utmost importance, and deserves the co-op-
eration of good men.

Bishop Cheney's congregation in Chic-
ago have voted to go with him into the Re-
formed Episcopal Church.

EX-PRESIDENT MILLARD FILLMORE died
at his home in Buffalo, New York March
8th. aged 74 years.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Second Annual Institute of the
Teachers of Essex County will be held in
the Public School Building, Bloomfield,
commencing Tuesday, March 31, and con-
tinuing four days.

The attention of school officers and
teachers is called to the following rule pre-
scribed by the State Board of Education
at its session held January 28, 1874:

All teachers shall be required to attend
the Annual Institute, held in the county in
which they are teaching, except for cause
satisfactory to the County Superintendent;
and no deduction shall be made by
trustees from the salary of teachers for the
time they are in actual attendance upon
said Institute.

It is hoped that School officers and
others interested in the cause of educa-
tion, will attend the meetings of the In-
stitute, which will be of great interest and
value, not only to teachers but to all who
can attend them.

CHARLES M. DAVIS,
County Superintendent.

THE USE OF SLANG WORDS.—Have slang
words any use? None that I know of, ex-
cept as indices of vulgar associations or
want of refinement in the nature of the
man or woman who uses them. I heard
Jeanette say to the young fellow who came
to see her the other night, and who asked
her, "How do you do Miss Jeanette?" "O,
I am bully."

Now Jeanette would not like to be told
nor to have it inferred, that she is coarse
—speech and vulgar in thought, but that
is precisely the conclusion to which most
refined people would arrive if they had
heard that answer to her friend and admin-
ister.

Going along the street the other morn-
ing behind a half-dozen girls on their way
to school, I heard one of them say, "Oh,
he's just lunk-a-dora!" Another said,
"Well, I don't care, but John can knock the
spots out of him." Another, "Girls I do
think you are ridiculous; I think boys are
all a lot of 'muffs.'" "No matter," said
one of the first speakers, "I'm just going to
lay for him."

Do you suppose these were ignorant girls
from uncultivated families? No! they
were the daughters of parents whom I know
to be refined and exemplary people! Yet
here they were talking in the public streets
in tones so loud I could not avoid hear-
ing them, just such slang as this! Why do
I give this phase of Every-day life? Be-
cause I want to forewarn mothers (and
fathers as well) that this propensity to use
slang words on the part of their children
needs their attention; and to tell young
women (and boys too) that purity of lan-
guage or its elegant use, is an accomplishment
ment, the acquisition of which they can ill
afford to forgo. It is as easy to acquire the
habit of using correct and elegant words as
vulgar and inappropriate ones. Need I say
it is far better and wiser to do so?—*Rural
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